

HOUSE BILL 1954

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
relative to firearms offenses involving minors.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1303, is amended by deleting subsection (d) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(d)

(1) A violation of subdivision (a)(2) or (3) is a Class A misdemeanor.

(2)

(A) A violation of subdivision (a)(1) is a Class D felony.

(B) An adult in violation of subdivision (a)(1) is criminally responsible, as defined in §§ 39-11-401 and 39-11-402, for any crime that occurs from the use of the unlawfully sold, loaned, or gifted firearm by the minor. As used in this subdivision (d)(2)(B), "adult" means a person eighteen (18) years of age or older.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, is amended by adding the following section:

(a) An adult commits an offense who knowingly induces or coerces a minor under eighteen (18) years of age to commit one (1) of the following offenses:

(1) Theft, as defined in § 39-14-103, of a firearm;

(2) Robbery, as defined in § 39-13-401, involving theft of a firearm;

(3) Aggravated robbery, as defined in § 39-13-402, involving theft of a
firearm;

(4) Especially aggravated robbery, as defined in § 39-13-403, involving theft of a firearm;

(5) Burglary, as defined in § 39-13-1002, involving theft of a firearm;

(6) Aggravated burglary, as defined in § 39-13-1003, involving theft of a firearm; or

(7) Especially aggravated burglary, as defined in § 39-13-1004, involving theft of a firearm.

(b) A violation of subsection (a) is a Class D felony.

(c) As used in this section, "adult" means a person eighteen (18) years of age or older.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect October 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.